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Operating Instructions Vol.1

Memory Card Camera-Recorder

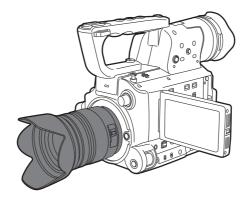
Model No. AG-AF100P



Note that Operation Instructions Vol.1 describes basic operations of the Memory Card Camera-Recorder.

For instructions on advanced operations of the Memory Card Camera-Recorder, refer to Operating Instructions Vol.2 (pdf file) contained in the supplied CD-ROM.

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Before operating this product, please read the instructions carefully and save this manual for future use



CAUTION RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT OPEN



CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PART'S INSIDE. REFER TO SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

WARNING:

- To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this equipment to rain or moisture.
- To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock hazard, keep this equipment away from all liquids. Use and store only in locations which are not exposed to the risk of dripping or splashing liquids, and do not place any liquid containers on top of the equipment.

WARNING:

Always keep memory cards or accessories (coin battery, microphone holder screws, microphone holder adaptor, cable clamper, screws for cable clamper, INPUT terminal covers, major hook) out of the reach of babies and small children.

CAUTION:

To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock and annoying interference, use the recommended accessories only.

CAUTION:

Do not jar, swing, or shake the unit by its handle while the conversion lens or another accessory is attached. Due to the added weight of the conversion lens, any strong jolt to the handle may damage the unit or result in personal injury.

CAUTION:

The mains plug of the power supply cord shall remain readily operable.

The AC receptacle (mains socket outlet) shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.

To completely disconnect this equipment from the AC mains, disconnect the power cord plug from the AC receptacle.

CAUTION:

Danger of explosion or fire if battery is incorrectly replaced or mistreated.

- Do not disassemble the battery or dispose of it in fire
- Do not store in temperatures over 60°C (140°F).
- Do not expose the battery to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire or the like.

For Battery Pack

- · Use specified charger.
- · Replace only with same or specified type.

For Battery of Remote Controller

- · Replace battery with part No. CR2025 only.
- · Do not recharge the battery.

CAUTION:

This apparatus can be operated at a voltage in the range of 110-240 V AC.

Voltages other than 120 V are not intended for U.S.A. and Canada.

Operation at a voltage other than 120 V AC may require the use of a different AC plug. Please contact either a local or foreign Panasonic authorized service center for assistance in selecting an alternate AC plug.

CAUTION:

In order to maintain adequate ventilation, do not install or place this unit in a bookcase, built-in cabinet or any other confined space. To prevent risk of electric shock or fire hazard due to overheating, ensure that curtains and any other materials do not obstruct the ventilation.

CAUTION:

Do not lift the unit by its handle while the tripod is attached. When the tripod is attached, its weight will also affect the unit's handle, possibly causing the handle to break and hurting the user. To carry the unit while the tripod is attached, take hold of the tripod.

CAUTION:

Excessive sound pressure from earphones and headphones can cause hearing loss.

CAUTION:

Do not leave the unit in direct contact with the skin for long periods of time when in use. Low temperature burn injuries may be suffered if the high temperature parts of this unit are in direct contact with the skin for long periods of time. When using the equipment for long periods of time, make use of the tripod.

FCC NOTICE (USA)

Declaration of Conformity

Model Number: AG-AF100P
Trade Name: Panasonic

Responsible Party: Panasonic Corporation of North America One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, NJ

07094

Support contact: 1-800-524-1448

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

To assure continued compliance, follow the attached installation instructions and do not make any unauthorized modifications.

CAUTION:

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- · Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

The user may find the booklet "Something About Interference" available from FCC local regional offices helpful.

FCC Warning:

To assure continued FCC emission limit compliance, follow the attached installation instructions and the user must use only shielded interface cables when connecting to host computer or peripheral devices. Also any unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment could void the user's authority to operate this device.

NOTIFICATION (Canada)

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numéique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

IMPORTANT

"Unauthorized recording of copyrighted television programs, video tapes and other materials may infringe the right of copyright owners and be contrary to copyright laws."



A lithium ion/polymer battery that is recyclable powers the product you have purchased. Please call 1-800-8-BATTERY for information on how to recycle this battery.

For USA-California Only

This product contains a CR Coin Cell Lithium Battery which contains Perchlorate Material – special handling may apply.

See www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Read these instructions.
- 2) Keep these instructions.
- 3) Heed all warnings.
- 4) Follow all instructions.
- 5) Do not use this apparatus near water.
- 6) Clean only with dry cloth.
- 7) Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 8) Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 9) Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 10) Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- 11) Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- 12) Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
- 13) Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 14) Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

Camera-Recorder

The rating plate is on the underside of the viewfinder.

AC Adaptor

The rating plate is on the underside of the AC Adaptor. Disconnect the AC mains plug from the AC mains socket when not in use.

■ Batteries that may be used with this product (Correct as of December 2010)

Panasonic VW-VBG260 and VW-VBG6 batteries may be used with this product. The VW-VBG260 and VW-VBG6 batteries contain a function to enable verification as to whether they may be safely used with this product.

Recommendation for Use of Genuine Panasonic Battery (Rechargeable Battery)

Thank you for using a Panasonic product.

It has been found that counterfeit battery packs which look very similar to the genuine product are made available to purchase in some markets. Some of these battery packs are not adequately protected with internal protection to meet the requirements of appropriate safety standards. There is a possibility that these battery packs may lead to fire or explosion. Please be advised that we are not liable for any accident or failure occurring as a result of use of a counterfeit battery pack. To ensure that safe products are used we would recommend that a genuine Panasonic battery pack is used.

• Be aware that many batteries sold at extremely cheap prices or in situations where it is difficult to verify the actual products before purchase have proven to be counterfeit.

AVCCAM 3 Year Warranty Repair Program*1

Thank you for purchasing this Panasonic AVCCAM device.

Register as a user for this device to receive a special service warranty up to three years of free warranty repairs.

Customers who register as users on the website will receive an extended warranty repairs.



three years.

1st year 2nd year 3rd year

AVCCAM device*2 Basic warranty*3 Extended warranty repair*4

*1: Please note that this extended warranty is not available in some countries/regions. *2: Not all models eligible for extended warranty coverage *3: The basic warranty period may vary depending on the country/region. *4: Not all repair work is covered by this extended warranty.



Free 3 years of Warranty Repairs

Make sure to save the "Registration Notice" e-mail during the warranty period.

AVCCAM product within 1 month e-mail sent

Details about user registration and the extended warranty:

http://panasonic.biz/sav/pass_e

Please note, this is a site that is not maintained by Panasonic Canada Inc. The Panasonic Canada Inc. privacy policy does not apply and is not applicable in relation to any information submitted. This link is provided to you for convenience.

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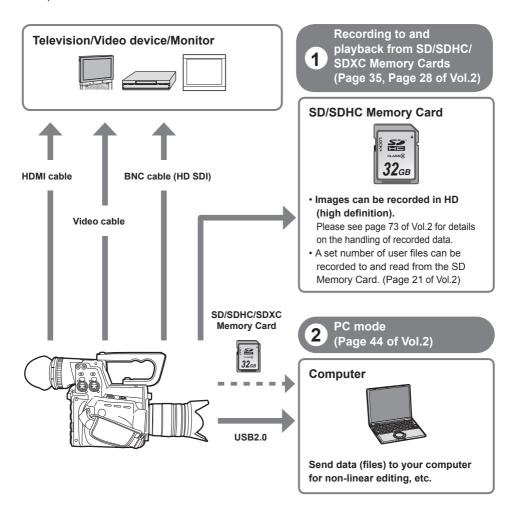
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Outline of operations

This camera-recorder is compatible with the AVCHD standard, and uses low-cost and easily-available SD/SDHC/SDXC Memory Cards as recording media.

The unit enables high-quality picture recording of close to broadcasting standard, as well as highly creative video production.



Lens (No lenses are included with this camera. Please use lenses purchased separately.)

Micro Four Thirds (Page 9)

Four Thirds (Page 9)

A separately available mount adaptor (DMW-MA1) is necessary

Please read before use

Lenses compatible with this camera

No lenses are included with this camera. Please use lenses purchased separately.

This camera includes a Micro Four Thirds™ system lens mount. However, the successful operation of all Micro Four Thirds and Four Thirds™ standard lenses cannot be guaranteed.

Also, some functions such as optical image stabilization (OIS) and auto focus (AF) cannot be used depending on the lens.

Panasonic has confirmed the compatibility of the following lenses (as of December 2010).

Please use a lens support when using large lenses weighing more than 1kg (2.2 lb). Not using a lens support may result in damage to the lens mount.

* Micro Four Thirds™ and Four Thirds are trademarks or registered trademarks of Olympus Imaging Corporation in Japan, USA, the EU, and other countries.

(o: Usable, •: Some functions/features limited, —: Not usable)

	AF *1		OnePush		Camera Focus			
Lens Type	60i/60p/30p/ 50i/50p/25p	24p	AF	MF	by Remote Control			
Micro Four Thirds Lens								
H-FS014045 (Panasonic) *2	• *3	• *4	0	0	0			
H-FS045200 (Panasonic) *2	• *3	• *4	0	0	0			
H-F007014 (Panasonic) *2	• *3	• *4	0	0	0			
H-VS014140 (Panasonic)	0	0	0	0	0			
H-H020 (Panasonic) *2	-	-	0	0	0			
H-ES045 (Panasonic) *2	• *3	• *4	0	0	0			
H-F008 (Panasonic) *2	• *3	• *4	0	0	0			
H-FS014042 (Panasonic) *2	• *3	• *4	0	0	0			
Four Thirds Lens (a mount adaptor (DMW-MA1), available separately, is necessary when using a Four Thirds lens)								
L-ES014050 (Panasonic) *2	-	-	-	0	-			
L-RS014050 (Panasonic) *2	-	-	● ^{*5}	0	→ *5			
L-RS014150 (Panasonic) *2	-	-	• *5	0	• *5			
L-X025 (Panasonic) *2	-	-	• *5	0	• *5			
ZUIKO DIGITAL ED 14-35mm F2.0 SWD (OLYMPUS) ⁻²	-	-	• *5	0	• *5			

- *1 Tracking becomes extremely slow in slow shutter mode.
- *2 Sounds from focus and iris operation may be recorded.
- *3 Tracking performance is inferior compared to H-VS014140 (lens for movie recording, Micro Four Thirds mount).
- *4 AF tracking becomes slow in 24p mode.
- *5 Limitations apply to the simultaneous operation of FOCUS and IRIS.

Note: use of H-VS014140 (lens for movie recording, Micro Four Thirds mount) is assumed throughout this operating instructions document.

For the latest information regarding supported lenses, please refer to Panasonic catalogs/web site etc.

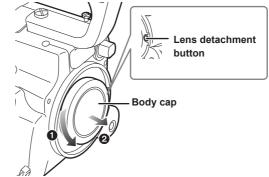
http://pro-av.panasonic.net/

Lens attachment and detachment

· Check that the power switch is set to OFF.

■ Attaching a lens to the camera

1 Turn the lens rear cap and body cap in the direction indicated by the arrows and remove.





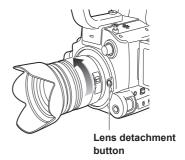
- · Do not insert fingers into the mount.
- 2 Line up the lens attachment marks (red) on the camera and lens, and then turn the lens in the direction indicated by the arrows until it audibly clicks into place.
 - Do not press the lens detachment button while attaching the lens.
 - Damage may occur to the lens attachment if the lens is not at right angles to the camera during attachment.
 - Ensure that the lens is attached properly.



- 3 Remove lens cap.
 - · Remove lens cap prior to recording.

■ Detaching a lens from the camera

- 1 Attach the lens cap.
- While pressing the lens detachment button, turn the lens in the direction indicated by the arrows until it stops, and detach.
- 3 Attach the body cap.
 - Ensure that the body cap is attached to prevent dust or dirt from entering the camera.
 - To prevent damage to the lens connection, be sure to attach the lens rear cap.



- When using lenses other than those conforming to the Micro Four Thirds and Four Thirds standard, see the LENS CHECK item in the OTHER FUNCTIONS screen of MENU settings.
- Change lenses in a place that is relatively free of dust and dirt.
- When the power switch is [OFF] or when carrying the camera, attach the lens cap to prevent damage to the surface of the lens.
- Be careful not to misplace the body cap, lens cap, or lens rear cap.

■ Enabling Image Stabilization

Image Stabilization can be enabled with lenses equipped with OIS.

Set the OIS switch of the lens to [ON]

Setting the OIS switch to [OFF] is recommended when using a tripod.

• Use the OIS switch on the camera if a lens has an Image Stabilization function but does not have an OIS switch. If the lens has an OIS switch, the OIS switch on the camera is disabled.

SD Memory Cards compatible with this product

Speed class 4 or above is required for recording in the PH mode or HA mode. Speed class 6 or above is required when using the VFR function. It is recommended that you use the following Panasonic SD memory cards, SDHC memory cards, or SDXC memory cards. (As of December, 2010)

Card type	Recording capacity	Recording/playback	Saving/reading of scene files and user files, reading of metadata
	8 MB 16 MB	Cannot be used.	
SD Memory Card	32 MB 64 MB 128 MB 256 MB	Successful operation cannot be guaranteed. Recording may be suddenly terminated with certain SD Memory Cards.	
	512 MB 1 GB 2 GB	,	Can be used.
	4 GB 6 GB		
	8 GB 12 GB	Can be used.	
	16 GB 32 GB		
SDXC Memory Card	48 GB 64 GB		

- Please see our support page at the following website for the latest information not included in these
 operating instructions.
 - http://pro-av.panasonic.net/
- This camera supports FAT12 & FAT16 formatted SD memory cards, FAT32 formatted SDHC memory cards, and exFAT formatted SDXC memory cards that are compliant with the SD standard.
- 4 GB (or greater) memory cards without the SDHC logo and 48 GB (or greater) memory cards without the SDXC logo are not based on the SD standard.
- Use this product to format the SD Memory Cards to be used. Formatting memory cards on computers
 or other devices may cause recording to take longer than normal, or may cause cards to become
 incompatible with this product. (Page 36) (Use this product to reformat any cards that have already been
 formatted on computers, etc.)
- · MultiMediaCards cannot be used with this product.

CLASS (4) (SD speed class 4)

This refers to a class 4 speed standard (SD speed class) for the continuous writing of data between SD-compatible devices and SD Memory Cards, as designated by the SD standards.

When the use of an SD speed class 4 card is recommended for SD-compatible products, this indicates that stable recording operation can be achieved when using SD Memory Cards of class 4 and above.

CLASS (SD speed class 6)

This refers to a class 6 speed standard (SD speed class) for the continuous writing of data between SD-compatible devices and SD Memory Cards, as designated by the SD standards.

When the use of an SD speed class 6 card is recommended for SD-compatible products, this indicates that stable recording operation can be achieved when using SD Memory Cards of class 6 and above.

Cautions for usage

- Do not allow dirt, water, or other substances to come into contact with the connector part on the reverse of the card.
- · Do not leave the card in the following places:
 - In direct sunlight or in places of high humidity, e.g. close to heating equipment
 - In highly humid or dusty locations
 - In locations with high variations in temperature (condensation may appear on card)
 - In places subject to static electricity or electromagnetic waves
- · Store cards in bags or cases after use.

Operating precautions

Do not allow any water to get into the camerarecorder when using it in the rain or snow or at the beach.

 Failure to heed this caution will cause the camera-recorder or a card to malfunction (and may result in irreparable damage).

Keep the camera-recorder away from equipment (such as TV sets and video game machines) that generate magnetic fields.

- Using the camera-recorder on top of or near a TV set may cause distortion in the images and/ or sound due to the electromagnetic waves that the set emits.
- The powerful magnetic fields generated by speakers or large motors may damage your recordings or distort the images.
- The electromagnetic waves emitted from a microcomputer will adversely affect the camerarecorder, causing the images and/or sound to be distorted.
- If the camera-recorder is so adversely affected by products that generate magnetic fields that it no longer operates properly, turn it off and remove the battery or unplug the AC adaptor from the power outlet. Then install the battery again or reconnect the AC adaptor. After this, turn the camera-recorder back on.

Do not use the camera-recorder near radio transmitters or high-voltage equipment.

 Using the camera-recorder near a radio transmitter or high-voltage equipment may adversely affect the recorded images and/or sound.

Do not allow any sand or dust to get into the camera-recorder when using it at the beach and other similar places.

 Sand and dust can damage the camera-recorder or a card. (Be especially careful when inserting or removing a card.)

AC adaptor (battery charger) and battery

- If the CHARGE lamp continues to blink even when the battery temperature is normal, there may be something wrong with the battery or AC adaptor (battery charger). Contact your dealer.
- The battery takes longer to charge when it is warm.
- The AC adaptor (battery charger) can interfere with radio reception so keep radios at least 1

meter away from it.

 The AC adaptor (battery charger) may make some noise when you are using it, but this is normal

Take precautions not to drop the camera when moving it.

- Strong impacts may damage the camera and cause it to stop working.
- Handle the camera with care, using the hand strap or shoulder strap to carry it.

Do not spray the camera with insect sprays or other volatile substances.

- These can warp the camera or cause the finish to come off.
- Do not leave the camera-recorder in contact with rubber or PVC products for extended periods of time

After use, remove the battery and disconnect the AC power supply cord.

Battery characteristics

This camera-recorder uses a rechargeable lithiumion battery that uses its internal chemical reaction to generate electrical energy. This reaction is easily influenced by the ambient temperature and humidity, and the battery's effective operating time is reduced as the temperature rises or falls. If you use this camera at locations with extremely low temperatures, its operating time will be reduced.

Protective circuitry functions if you use the battery where it is very hot and you will have to wait before you can use it again.

Remove the battery after use.

Completely remove the battery. (The battery continues to be used even if you have turned the camera off.) The battery can over discharge if you leave it in the camera and it may become impossible to recharge it.

Disposing of spent batteries

The battery will become unchargeable. Rather than throwing the battery into the garbage, take it to a store that can assist in recycling it.

Do not remove the battery when the POWER switch is ON.

Disconnect the power supply after turning OFF the POWER switch and making sure the mode lamp is completely OFF.

What to remember when throwing memory cards away or transferring them to others

Formatting memory cards or deleting data using the functions of the unit or a computer will merely change the file management information: it will not completely erase the data on the cards. When throwing these cards away or transferring them to others, either physically destroy them or use a data deletion program for computers (commercially available) to completely erase the data. Users are responsible for managing the data on their memory cards.

Liquid crystal displays

- Images or letters can get burned onto the screen of the LCD or viewfinder if they are displayed for a long time, but you can fix this by leaving the camera off for several hours.
- The liquid crystal parts are highly precise with 99.99% of the pixels effective. This leaves less than 0.01% of pixels that may not light or may remain on all the time. These phenomena are normal and will have no effect on the images you shoot
- Condensation may form if you use the camera where temperatures fluctuate. Wipe dry with a soft, dry cloth.
- The LCD may appear dim after immediately turning on a cold camera, but will brighten as the camera warms up.

Do not point the lens or viewfinder at the sun.Doing so may damage the parts inside.

Protective caps for the connectors Keep the protective caps fitted over any connectors that are not being used.

Precaution for use

Always take some trial shots before actual shooting.

 When shooting important events (such as weddings), always take some trial shots and check that the sound and images have been recorded properly before actual shooting.

Be sure to check and set the calendar and time zone.

 These settings affect the control and playback sequence of the recorded contents. Before making a recording, set and check the calendar and time zone. (Page 33)

Panasonic makes no guarantees for your recordings.

 In the unlikely event that content that was not recorded due to a fault related to this camera or SD/SDHC/ SDXC memory card during use, please understand that no compensation can be provided.

Respect copyrights

Copyright laws forbid the use of video and audio material you have recorded for any purpose other than
your own personal enjoyment. Remember that restrictions apply to the shooting of certain material even
if it is intended for private use.

Caution regarding laser beams

Lenses may suffer damage if it is struck by a laser beam. Ensure that laser beams do not strike the lens
when shooting in an environment where laser devices are used.

Media that can be used in this unit

• SD/SDHC/SDXC memory cards can be used. See page 12 for details.

Mounting the camera-recorder on a tripod

- The tripod mounting hole supports 1/4-20UNC and 3/8-16UNC screws. Please use this in according to the fixing screw on the tripod.
- The depth of the tripod mounting hole is 5.5mm. Avoid applying excessive force to the tripod screws when mounting the camera onto a tripod.



Attach the tripod to the tripod hole on the bottom side.

About this manual

Note concerning illustrations in these instructions

 Illustrations (camera-recorder, menu screens, etc.) in these operating instructions differ slightly from the actual camera-recorder.

References

· References are shown as (Page 00).

SD/SDHC/SDXC Memory Cards

- · SD/SDHC/SDXC memory cards are noted as SD memory cards.
- The SDHC logo and SDXC logo are trademarks of SD-3C, LLC.
- "AVCHD" and the "AVCHD" logo are trademarks of Panasonic Corporation and Sony Corporation.
- This product has been manufactured under license from Dolby Laboratories.
 Dolby and the double-D symbol are trademarks of Dolby Laboratories.
- HDMI, the HDMI logo, and High-Definition Multimedia Interface are trademarks or registered trademarks of HDMI Licensing LLC.
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- DICOMAR is a registered trademark of Leica Camera AG.
- Microsoft®, Windows®, and Windows Vista® are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/ or other countries
- Screenshots are used in accordance with Microsoft Corporation guidelines.
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- Intel® is a registered trademark or a trademark of Intel Corporation in the United States and/or other countries
- Apple®, Macintosh®, and Mac OS® are trademarks or registered trademarks of Apple Inc. in the United States and/or other countries.
- Other model names, company names, and product names listed in these operating instructions are trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective companies.

- This product is licensed under the AVC Patent Portfolio License for the personal and noncommercial use of a consumer, and no license is granted or shall be implied for any use other than the personal uses detailed below.
 - To encode video in compliance with the AVC standard ("AVC Video")
 - To decode AVC Video that was encoded by a consumer engaged in a personal and noncommercial activity
 - To decode AVC Video that was obtained from a video provider licensed to provide AVC Video
 - Additional information may be obtained from MPEG LA, LLC (http://www.mpegla.com).
 - Separate license contracts must be obtained from MPEG LA where SD Memory Cards containing information recorded with this product are to be distributed to end users for commercial purposes. "End user" refers to persons or organizations handling such contents for personal use.

■ What is AVCHD?

AVCHD is a standard for the recording and playback of highly detailed, high-definition video. Video is compressed in the MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 formats, and audio is recorded in Dolby Digital or linear PCM.

Information regarding compatibility of SDHC Memory Cards and recorded video

SDHC/SDXC Memory Cards

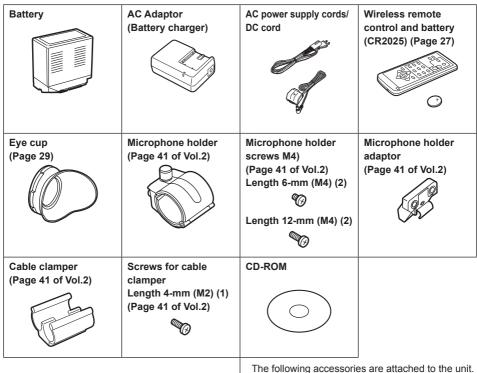
- SDHC/SDXC Memory Cards cannot be used with non-SDHC-compatible equipment.
- Ensure that all equipment is SDHC/SDXC-compatible when using card with other devices.

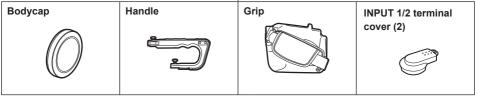


Compatibility of recorded video

- Recorded video cannot be used with non-AVCHD-compatible equipment. For details, please see your product's operating instructions.
- Recorded video cannot be played back on non-compatible (non-AVCHD-compatible) equipment.
- Playback may not always be possible on all AVCHD-compatible equipment. Please use this product for playback in such instances.

Accessories





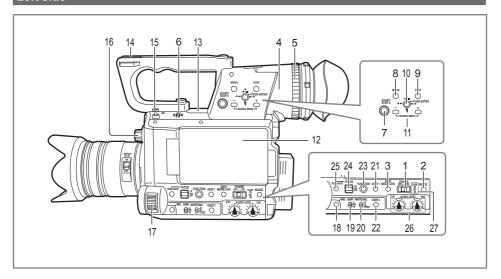
• Please consult a retailer when purchasing additional accessories.

Optional accessories

- · XLR microphone AG-MC200G
- Battery VW-VBG6 (7.2 V, 5800 mAh (typ.))

Description of parts

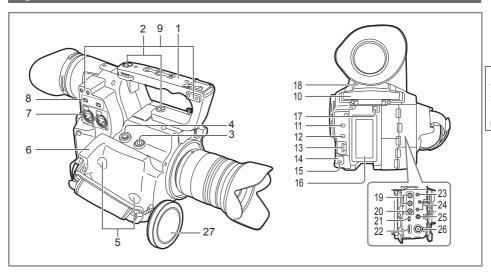
Left side



- 1 POWER switch (Page 27)
- 2 MODE button (Page 28 of Vol.2)
- 3 DISP/MODE CHK button (Page 6 of Vol.2)
- 4 Viewfinder (Page 29)
- 5 Diopter adjustment dial (Page 29)
- 6 Built-in speaker (Page 40 of Vol.2)
- 7 START/STOP2 button (Page 35)
- 8 MENU button (Page 44)
- 9 EXEC button (Page 35 of Vol.2)
- 10 OPERATION lever
- 11 AUDIO MON/ADV button (Pages 12 and 40 of Vol.2)
- 12 LCD monitor (Page 30, Page 45 of Vol.2)
- 13 Built-in microphone (Page 17 of Vol.2)
- 14 Light shoe
- 15 Major hook
- 16 ND dial (Page 41)
- 17 IRIS dial (Page 40)
- 18 IRIS button (Page 40)

- 19 GAIN switch (Page 41)
- 20 WHITE BAL switch (Page 41)
- 21 USER1 button (Page 11 of Vol.2)
- 22 USER2 button (Page 11 of Vol.2)
- 23 FUNCTION knob (Page 10 of Vol.2)
- 24 FOCUS switch (Page 39)
- 25 PUSH AUTO button (Page 39)
- 26 AUDIO LEVEL dial (CH1, CH2) (Page 18 of Vol.2)
- 27 Mode lamp (Page 27)

Right side and rear side



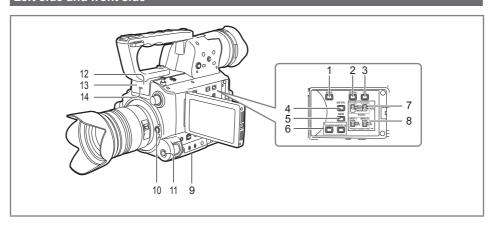
- 1 Handle (Page 26)
- 2 Handle attachment screw (x2) (Page 26)
- 3 USER3 button (Page 11 of Vol.2)
- 4 START/STOP1 button (Page 35)
- 5 Grip attachment screw (x2) (Page 26)
- 6 Grip (Page 26)
- 7 INPUT 1/2 terminal (XLR3 pin) (Page 17 of Vol.2)
- 8 INPUT 1/2 (audio input switching) switch (Page 17 of Vol.2)
- 9 Microphone holder attachment (x2) (Page 41 of Vol.2)
- 10 SD memory card slot and SD memory card access lamp (Pages 36 and 38)
- 11 SLOT SELECT button (Page 36, Page 31 of Vol.2)
- 12 DIAL SELECT button (Page 14 of Vol.2)
- 13 SHUTR/F.RATE dial (Page 14 of Vol.2)
- 14 Remote control sensor (rear) (Page 27)
- 15 Tally lamp (rear) (Page 28)
- 16 Battery compartment (Page 25)
- 17 Battery release button (Page 25)

- 18 Card slot cover and OPEN lever (Page 38)
- 19 AUDIO OUT CH1/CH2 terminal (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 20 VIDEO OUT terminal (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 21 USB terminal (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 22 HDMI OUT terminal (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 23 INDEX REMOTE jack (2.5mm stereo mini iack)
- 24 CAM REMOTE jack *
 FOCUS/IRIS (3.5mm mini jack)
 S/S (2.5mm mini jack)

You can connect a remote control unit (optional) to control the FOCUS and IRIS (aperture), as well as REC start / stop operation.

- * Do not connect any equipment except the remote control to the CAM REMOTE jack. Connecting any equipment other than the remote control may cause the image brightness to change and/or the images to appear out of focus.
- 25 Headphone jack (3.5mm stereo mini jack) (Page 41 of Vol.2)
- 26 SDI OUT terminal (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 27 Body cap (Page 10)

Left side and front side



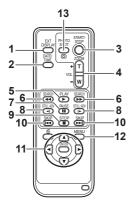
- 1 BARS button (Page 11 of Vol.2)
- 2 ZEBRA button (Page 5 of Vol.2)
- 3 OIS button (Page 11 of Vol.2)
- 4 EVF DTL button (Page 30)
- 5 WFM button (Page 12 of Vol.2)
- 6 COUNTER RESET/TC SET button (Page 24 of Vol.2)
- 7 CH1/CH2 SELECT switch (Page 17 of Vol.2)
- 8 INPUT 1/2 switch (MIC POWER +48V) (Page 17 of Vol.2)
- 9 Tripod hole (bottom side) (Page 16)
- 10 Lens detachment button (Page 11)
- 11 AWB button (Page 41)
- 12 White balance sensor (Page 43)
- 13 Remote control sensor (front) (Page 27)
- 14 Tally lamp (front) (Page 28)

Remote control

To use the remote control, set the IR REMOTE item on the OTHER FUNCTIONS menu to ON. The default setting for this item is OFF. (Page 62 of Vol.2)

The following buttons are for functions that cannot be executed on this camera-recorder.

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Remote control usable range (Page 27)

- 1 EXT. DISPLAY button (Page 40 of Vol.2)
- 2 DATE/TIME button (Page 40 of Vol.2)
- 3 START/STOP button

Same function as the START/STOP button on the camera.

- 4 ZOOM/VOL buttons (Page 40 of Vol.2)
- 5 PLAY button (Page 28 of Vol.2)
- 6 SEARCH buttons (Pages 28 and 39 of Vol.2)
- 7 PAUSE button (Page 28 of Vol.2)
- 8 STILL ADV buttons (Page 40 of Vol.2)
- 9 STOP button (Page 28 of Vol.2)
- 10 SKIP buttons (Pages 28 and 39 of Vol.2)
- 11 OPERATION buttons

Same function as the Operation lever on the camera.

12 MENU button

Same function as the MENU button on the camera

13 PHOTO SHOT button (Page 13 of Vol.2)

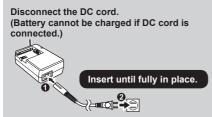
Same function as the CAPTURE feature assigned to a USER SW function on the camera.

Recharging the battery

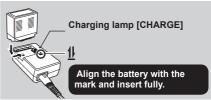
Recharging

The battery does not come ready charged when the camera is purchased. Charge the battery before use. It is recommended that you keep one extra battery as a spare.

1 Connect the power cord to the AC adaptor.



2 Insert the battery.



■ Charging lamp

On: Charging in progress Off: Charging complete Flashing: See below

■ If charging lamp is flashing

Check that there is no dirt, dust, or other substances attached to the connectors on the battery or AC adaptor, and ensure that the adaptor has been connected correctly.

- If there is dirt or dust on the connectors, disconnect the power plug from the socket before cleaning.
- If the charging lamp continues to flash, there may be a fault with the battery or the AC adaptor.
 Please consult with the place of purchase.

■ Charging time and available recording time (Approx.)

Battery model	Voltage/ capacity	Charging time	Maximum continuous recording time
CGA-E/625 (included)	7.2 V/ 5800 mAh (typ.) 5400 mAh (min.)	Approx. 350 minutes	Approx. 230 minutes
VW-VBG6 (optional)	7.2 V/ 5800 mAh (typ.)	Approx. 350 minutes	Approx. 230 minutes

- The figures in the table above are guidelines for use in normal temperature conditions (temperature 25 °C (77 °F), humidity 60%).
 Charging may take longer in higher or lower temperatures.
- Charging may take longer if the battery has not been in use for a long period of time.
- Given here are the approximate continuous recording times when recording using the viewfinder with no connections to any external devices and with the LCD monitor closed.
- Available recording time may vary according to usage conditions.
- Charging times are based on charging batteries from an empty state.

■ Remaining battery capacity displays

When using Panasonic-manufactured batteries compatible with this product, the remaining battery capacity is displayed in minutes.

₹ZZZ 90min

Time remaining will be displayed after a brief

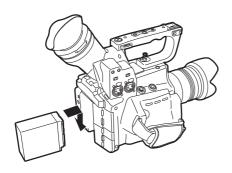
pause.

- · The battery display will change
- as battery capacity decreases. (will be displayed in red when less than 3 minutes are remaining, and (will flash when the battery is empty.
- Remaining battery capacity may not be displayed correctly when using in high or low temperatures, or when the battery has not been used for a long period of time. To ensure that remaining battery capacity is displayed correctly, use the battery completely from a fully-charged state, and charge the battery again. (Remaining battery capacity may still not be displayed correctly if the battery has been used for long periods in high or low temperatures, or if the battery has been recharged a large number of times.)
- The remaining battery capacity display is a guideline and may change according to usage conditions.
- The remaining battery capacity display will momentarily disappear when switching between modes, when conducting REC CHECK operations or when changing the LCD brightness since the capacity is recalculated at these times.
- · Not displayed when using AC adaptor.
 - Keep metal objects (such as necklaces and hairpins) away from the battery.
 Short-circuiting may occur across the terminals, causing the battery to heat up, and you may seriously burn yourself if you touch the battery in this state.
- The battery becomes hot while it is being used or charged. The camera-recorder itself also becomes hot during use.
- The recordable time reduces if you repeatedly start and stop recording.
- The battery takes longer to charge when it is warm.
- The AC adaptor can interfere with radio reception so keep radios at least 1 meter away from it.
- The AC adaptor may make some noise when you are using it, but this is normal.
- Battery cannot be recharged when the DC cord is connected to the AC adaptor.

Using the battery

Installation

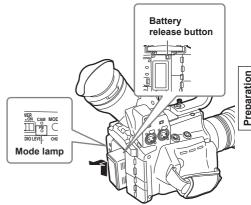
Insert the battery until it clicks into place.



Removal

1 Set the POWER switch to OFF, and check that the mode lamp is off.

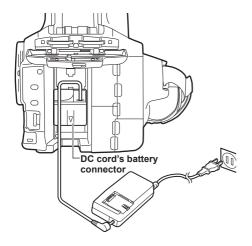
- 2 Remove the battery while pressing the battery release button.
 - · Support the battery with your hand to ensure that it will not fall.



Using the AC adaptor

Installation

- 1 Connect the DC cord to the AC adaptor.
- 2 Plug the AC power supply cord into the power outlet.
- 3 Insert the DC cord's battery connector until it clicks into place.



Removal

- 1 Set the POWER switch to OFF, and check that the mode lamp is off.
- 2 Remove the DC cord's battery connector while pressing the battery release button.
- 3 Disconnect the AC power supply cord from the power outlet.
 - · Battery cannot be recharged when the DC cord is connected to the AC adaptor.
- Disconnect the AC power supply cord from the power outlet when the unit is not going to be used.

CAUTION:

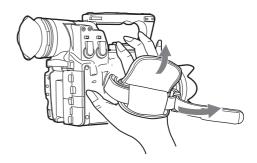
· This apparatus can be operated at a voltage in the range of 110 - 240 V AC. Voltages other than 120 V are not intended for U.S.A. and Canada.

Operation at a voltage other than 120 V AC may require the use of a different AC plug. Please contact either a local or foreign Panasonic authorized service center for assistance in selecting an alternate AC plug.

Adjusting the hand strap

Adjust the hand strap to suit your hand.

- 1 Open the cover and adjust the length.
- 2 Close the cover.
 - · Make sure the cover is fully closed.



Attaching/detaching the handle

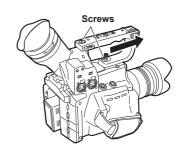
Detaching the handle

- 1 Use a Philips-head screwdriver and remove the two screws.
- **2** Slide in the direction of the arrow. The handle will detach.

Attaching the handle

Carry out the reverse of the detaching procedure to attach the handle.

- · Ensure both screws are firmly fixed in place.
- When holding the handle, make sure the screws are not loose.



Attaching/detaching the grip

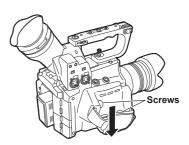
Detaching the grip

- 1 Use a Philips-head screwdriver and remove the two screws.
- **2** Slide in the direction of the arrow. The grip will detach.

Attaching the grip

Carry out the reverse of the detaching procedure to attach the grip.

 When attaching, ensure both screws are firmly fixed in place.



The remote control

Insert the battery

1 Push the catch in the direction shown by arrow ① to remove the holder.



2 Insert the battery with the "+" marked side facing up.

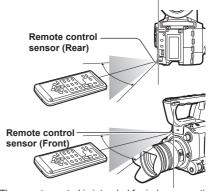


- 3 Return the holder to its original position.
- When the battery (CR2025) has run out, replace it with a new one. (The battery lasts about one year, depending on the frequency of use.)
 If the remote control unit fails to work even when it is operated near the camera-recorder's remote control sensor, the battery has run out.
- · Keep the battery out of the reach of children.

Remote control usable range

The distance between the remote control and the unit's remote control sensor: Within approx. 5 m Angle: Approximately 10° upward,

approximately 15° downward, approximately 15° leftward, or approximately 15° rightward (when the accessory battery is used)



- The remote control is intended for indoor operation.
 Outdoors or under strong light, the unit may not operate properly even within the usable ranges.
- The remote control is set to OFF in the factory settings. When using the remote control, set the REMOTE CONTROL item in the OTHER FUNCTIONS screen to ON. (Page 62 of Vol.2)

Turn on/off the camera

Set the POWER switch to ON.

Turn on the camera:

The mode lamp (CAM) lights red (CAMERA mode) and the camera is now in the recording pause mode.

Turn off the camera:

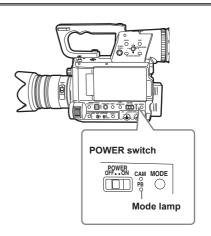
The mode lamp (CAM/PB) goes out.

· Energy-saving mode

According to the settings made in the POWER SAVE item of the OTHER FUNCTIONS screen in the settings menu, the following will apply if no designated operations* are performed for approximately five minutes while recording is paused (when an SD Memory Card has been inserted).

ON: The camera recorder turns off automatically. OFF: Does not switch OFF the camera.

* See the setup menus, POWER SAVE (Page 63 of Vol.2) for details.

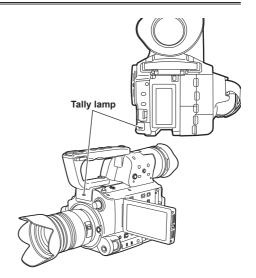


Tally lamp

The tally lamp can be illuminated during recording by setting the TALLY LAMP item of the OTHER FUNCTIONS screen (Page 62 of Vol.2) to any setting other than OFF.

The tally lamp will flash in any of the following circumstances.

- Receiving remote control operation (flashes 8 times per second)
- Recording error has occurred (flashes 4 times per second)
- Battery is low (flashes 4 times per second)
- Available SD Memory Card capacity is low (flashes 4 times per second)
- Remaining battery capacity is low (flashes once per second)
- Remaining memory of the SD Memory Card is low (flashes once per second)



Viewfinder

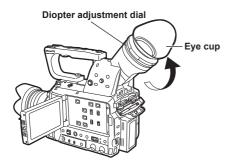
This camera has two viewfinders; one is a miniature LCD in the viewfinder and the other is a retractable 3.5-inch LCD.

Use the viewfinder that best suits the application and shooting conditions.

 The brightness and hue may differ between the images appearing on the viewfinder and LCD monitor and those displayed on a TV monitor. To see how the final images will appear, check them on a TV monitor.

Using the viewfinder

- Set the POWER switch to ON and check that images appear in the viewfinder.
- 2 Adjust the viewfinder's angle so that the screen is positioned where it is easiest to see.
 - You can move the viewfinder out to about 90° perpendicular to the camera.
- 3 Adjust the diopter adjustment dial so that you can see the characters on the viewfinder screen clearly.



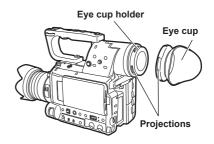
Do not allow the eyepiece of the viewfinder to remain in direct contact with sunlight or other strong light sources.

- Internal components may be damaged and fire may be caused if light accumulates through the lens.
- When the LCD monitor is open, the viewfinder may not display anything. Close the LCD monitor.

Fitting the eye cup

Attach the eye cup by aligning the projections on the eye cup holder and eye cup and fitting them together.

 Turning the eye cup after attaching it may cause the eye cup holder to come off. If the eyecup holder does come off, see "Cleaning the Viewfinder" (Page 71 of Vol.2) for details on how to refit it.



- The pixels of the LCD monitor are controlled to obtain high precision with 99.99 % of the effective pixels. This leaves less than 0.01 % of pixels that may not light or may remain on all the time. These phenomena are normal and will have no effect on the images you shoot.
- Screen burn-in may occur in the LCD monitor. However, this is not a defect.

Using the LCD

1 Set the POWER switch to ON. (Page 27)

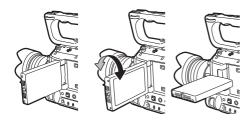
2 Open the LCD monitor.

 The monitor opens to an angle of 90 degrees. The camera may be damaged by attempting to open it further than this.



3 Position the LCD monitor where it is easiest to see.

- The monitor can be rotated 180° toward the lens and 90° toward you.
- Do not apply unnecessary force to the open LCD. This can damage the camera.



- · Ensure the LCD is fully closed.
- Operation status displays during self-portrait recording

No display: Cannot record (no card, etc.)

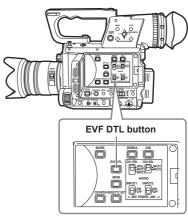
- : Recording in progress, during transition to the recording pause mode
- []: Recording paused (recording standby)
- : Warning display

Emphasizing outlines

Emphasizing the outlines of the images you see in the viewfinder or on the LCD makes it easier to focus.

Emphasizing the outlines does not effect the images you shoot.

1 In CAM mode, press EVF DTL button.
"EVF DTL ON" appears on the screen for about 2 seconds.



Press EVF DTL button again to return to the original display. "EVF DTL OFF" appears on the screen for about 2 seconds.

Adjusting the screen display

- Set the POWER switch to ON. (Page 27)
- 2 Press the MENU button.
 - For menu operation (Page 44)
 - Operations may also be performed using buttons on the remote control that correspond to those on the camera. For details, see "Description of parts (Remote control)". (Page 23)
- 3 Viewfinder adjustments
 Set YES under EVF SET on the setting menu
 DISPLAY SETUP screen.



LCD monitor adjustments

Set YES under LCD SET on the setting menu DISPLAY SETUP screen.



4 Select the desired item by tilting the Operation lever in the ▲ ▼ directions, and push the Operation lever.



5 Adjust the selected item by tilting the Operation lever in the ◀▶ directions.



- 6 Press MENU button to exit the menus.
- The viewfinder display can be in color or black and white. (See the setup menus, DISPLAY SETUP screen, EVF COLOR.) The resolution is the same for both of them.

Changing backlight brightness

The brightness of the LCD monitor backlight can be adjusted between five different settings.

- 1 Select LCD BACKLIGHT from the setup menu DISPLAY SETUP screen.
- 2 Select and set a value in the range of +1 to -3.

The greater the value the brighter the screen.

 This setting will remain saved even if the camera's power is switched off.

Setting the calendar

The CLOCK SET value is recorded in the contents (clip), and affects the sequence of playback of the thumbnails. Before carrying out recording, be sure to check and set TIME ZONE and CLOCK SET. This shows you how to adjust the calendar to 17:20 on December 25, 2010.

- 1 Set the camera's power switch to ON. (Page 27)
- 2 Press the MENU button.
 - Menu operation (Page 44)
 - Operations may also be performed using buttons on the remote control that correspond to those on the camera. For details, see "Description of parts (Remote control)". (Page 23)
- 3 Select the TIME ZONE item on the settings menu OTHER FUNCTIONS screen, and push the Operation lever (or tilt lever in ► direction).

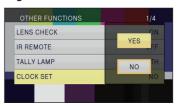


4 Pushing the Operation lever twice brings up the setting screen. Tilt the Operation lever in the ◀▶ directions to set the time difference from Greenwich Mean Time, and push the Operation lever again.

Factory default setting is +00:00.



5 Tilt the Operation lever in the ◀ direction and select YES in the CLOCK SET item on the settings menu OTHER FUNCTIONS screen.



6 Tilt the Operation lever in the ▲ ▼ directions and set to DEC.



7 Tilt the Operation lever to the ▶ direction to change to the next item, and set to 25 by tilting in the ▲ ▼ directions.



8 Repeat steps 6 and 7 to set the remaining items.



- The date can be set to any date between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2039.
- For any date after December 31, 2039, "- -" will appear on screen.
- · Time is displayed in 24-hour format.

Setting the calendar (continued)

- When settings are complete, push the Operation lever, select YES on the confirmation screen, and push the Operation lever again.
 - The clock can vary in accuracy so check that the time is correct before shooting.
 - When using the camera overseas, do not set the CLOCK SET option to the local time, but instead enter the time difference from Greenwich mean time according to TIME ZONE. (Page 63 of Vol.2)

Basic shooting operations

Preparing for recording

- 1 Turn the POWER switch to ON. (Page 27)
 - · Make sure the mode lamp is lit up.
- 2 Lift the viewfinder up, and slide the card slot cover OPEN lever right to open.
- 3 Fully insert an SD Memory Card into the card slot.
- 4 Close the SD Memory Card slot cover.
 - · Ensure that the cover firmly clicks into place.



- Do not perform any of the following operations while the SD Memory Card access lamp is flashing.
 - Performing these operations may damage the SD Memory Card or its contents, or cause the camera to fail to operate correctly.
 - Opening the card door and removing the SD Memory Card
 - · Switching off the power
 - Connecting or disconnecting the USB connection cable
 - · Shaking or striking the camera
- Always format SD Memory Cards that have been used in other devices when first using them with this camera. (Page 36)
- If "CHECK CARD" is displayed on the viewfinder or the LCD monitor, please remove the SD Memory Card and insert it again.

- The images shot from when shooting starts until it is stopped are recorded as one clip.
- When recording is paused after a short period, a small amount of time may be required after pressing the START/STOP button to stop recording before writing to the SD Memory Card is terminated.
 - This means that operations cannot be accepted if the START/STOP button is pressed immediately.
- The camera will read information from the SD Memory Card immediately after the card is inserted. Press the START/STOP button to begin recording after PAUSE is displayed in the operation status display. (Page 47 of Vol.2)
- The camera's factory default setting is PH mode 1080/60i recording.
 (To view current setting status: Page 6 of Vol.2)
- The upper limit for the number of clips which can be recorded on a single SD Memory Card is 900. (However, this number may exceed 900 clips at times such as when shooting immediately after the POWER switch has been set to ON.)

Checking photos taken (REC CHECK)

When recording is paused, the REC CHECK function can be used to review the video and audio recorded 2 seconds immediately prior. You can assign the REC CHECK function to USER switch 1/2/3 via the menu.

- The REC CHECK images are also recorded when a device is connected to the camera and backup images have been recorded.
- The REC CHECK function does not work when PC has been selected as the operation mode.
- This function does not work if the REC format is changed, if the camera is set to the CAM mode after having been switched to the PB mode, if the SD memory card slot cover is opened, or if the slot is switched after shooting.

SD Memory Card access lamp

CAM mode/PB mode

Illuminated orange: Reading/writing possible

Flashing orange (fast): Verifying card/inspecting

card for possible defects

Flashing orange (slow): Accessing card
Flashing green (slow): Card write-protected/

no space left on card Card not selected for

recordina

Off: No card inserted/unformatted or incompatible

card inserted

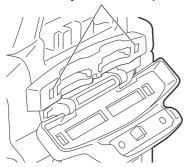
Illuminated green:

When the USB is connected

Flashing orange: Accessing card

Off: A status other than access underway.

SD Memory Card access lamp



Selecting a slot

Of the two SD memory card slots, the slot to be used for recording can be switched.

1 Press the SLOT SELECT button while recording is paused.

The access lamp of the slot for recording lights up orange.

- This function works when a recordable SD card is inserted in both slots.
- · The slot cannot be switched during recording.

Formatting SD Memory Cards

- 1 Set the camera's power switch to ON. (Page 27)
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Select CARD FUNCTIONS→CARD FORMAT from the menu, and then push the OPERATION lever to confirm.
 - Select the slot number of the card to format when the following screen is displayed.
 Select NO if you do not wish to format the card.
 - · Press the MENU button to close the menu display.



4 Select YES on the conformation screen.

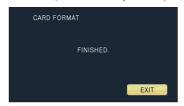
The SD Memory Card will be formatted.



5 Press the MENU button to finish.

 When an SD Memory Card is formatted, all data including video data and still images recorded on the card will be erased and will not be restorable.

Save all important data to your computer.



SD Memory Card recording times

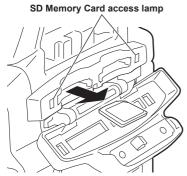
Total available recording times (approx.) when using SD/SDHC/SDXC Memory Cards manufactured by Panasonic

	Recording mode		
SD Memory Card capacity	PH*1 (Highest quality mode*3/ 1920 × 1080 pixels or 1280 × 720 pixels)	HA*1 (High quality mode/ 1920 × 1080 pixels)	HE*2 (Long duration mode/ 1440 × 1080 pixels)
512 MB	Approx. 2 min	Approx. 3 min	Approx. 10 min
1 GB	Approx. 5 min	Approx. 7 min	Approx. 21 min
2 GB	Approx. 10 min	Approx. 15 min	Approx. 45 min
4 GB	Approx. 21 min	Approx. 30 min	Approx. 90 min
6 GB	Approx. 33 min	Approx. 45 min	Approx. 135 min
8 GB	Approx. 45 min	Approx. 60 min	Approx. 180 min
12 GB	Approx. 65 min	Approx. 90 min	Approx. 270 min
16 GB	Approx. 90 min	Approx. 120 min	Approx. 360 min
32 GB	Approx. 180 min	Approx. 240 min	Approx. 720 min
48 GB	Approx. 270 min	Approx. 360 min	Approx.1080 min
64 GB	Approx. 360 min	Approx. 480 min	Approx.1440 min

- *1 Use an SD memory class of SD speed class 4 or above when recording on PH mode or HA mode. Recording cannot be completed on SD Memory Cards of lower speed classes.
- *2 Use an SD memory class of SD speed class 2 or above when recording in HG mode or HE mode. Recording cannot be completed on SD Memory Cards of lower speed classes.
- *3 This is the highest quality mode of this camera.
- This camera uses the VBR recording system. "VBR" stands for Variable Bit Rate, and it refers to a system in
 which the bit rate (volume of data per given time period) varies automatically depending on the subject which is
 being shot. This means that the recording times will be shorter when fast-moving subjects have been recorded.
- Times displayed include time needed for processing, etc. actual available recording times will be slightly shorter.
- The camera is capable of continuous recording for a maximum of 12 hours.
- · Recording can be restarted even if it was paused due to shortage of space.
- Even for the same card, the recording time differs depending on conditions such as the recording format and recorded images.
- Mosaic-like noise may appear on the playback screen under the following shooting conditions:
 - · When there are complex patterns in the background
 - · When the camera is moved in large motions or when it is moved very quickly
- · When a fast-moving subject has been recorded (and especially when HE has been set as the recording mode)
- When an SD memory card is formatted, the entire data including still images recorded on the card is
 erased and cannot be restored. Save any valuable data on your personal computer before formatting.
- Please use an SD memory card class of SD speed class 6 or above when using the VFR function.
 Recording cannot be performed with less than SD speed class 6.

Removing SD Memory Card

- 1 Lift the viewfinder up, and slide the card slot cover OPEN lever right to open.
 - Ensure that the SD Memory Card access lamp is not flashing orange before opening the cover.
- 2 Press the center of the SD Memory Card so that it pops out slightly, and pull the card straight outwards.



- Do not remove the SD Memory Card or switch off the power in the following circumstances. Doing so may damage your SD Memory Card.
 - While the SD Memory Card access lamp is still flashing orange after an SD Memory Card has been inserted.
 - While the SD Memory Card access lamp is flashing such as during recording or during recording finalization.

Protecting SD Memory Cards

Move the write-protect switch on the SD Memory Card to the "LOCK" position to prevent recorded contents being accidentally erased from the card.



Repairing SD Memory Cards

Never remove the SD Memory Card or disconnect the battery or DC cord while the SD Memory Card access lamp is flashing, as doing so may damage the SD Memory Card. In the event that the SD Memory Card has been removed while the SD Memory Card access lamp was flashing, or that the battery or DC cord has been disconnected during recording or the recording finalization process, a repair verification screen will be displayed the next time the power is switched on in order to allow errors to be repaired.



Select YES to begin repairing. When repairing is complete, "REPAIR FINISHED" will be displayed, and the camera will switch to the recording paused screen. Select NO to switch directly to the recording paused screen without repairing.

- Memory cards cannot be repaired with the camera if NO is selected, but can still be repaired by using the AVCCAM Restorer* contents repair software.
- An SD Memory Card on which an error occurred can be repaired by using either the camera that was used for the shooting, or the AVCCAM Restorer contents repair software.
- A repair confirmation message may be displayed after inserting an SD Memory Card which has no error, but repair will not be performed even when YES or NO is selected.
- Repair may take up to 20 minutes or so depending on the places where the errors occurred on the card.
- Use a battery with an adequate charge or the AC adaptor.
- If the repair operation has failed, "SYSTEM ERROR TURN POWER OFF" will be displayed. In this case, please use the AVCCAM Restorer contents repair software.

Depending on the status of the data, it may not be possible to restore all data completely. In this case, it will no longer be possible to play back the clips that were recorded before the power was turned off.

- Clips with a total recording time of less than 10 seconds may not be able to be repaired.
- Indexes attached during recording cannot be repaired.
- * AVCCAM Restorer is included on the supplied CD-ROM.

For details on how to install it, refer to install.txt. For details on how to use it, read the operating instructions (PDF file).

The AVCCAM Viewer can also be downloaded from the following website. http://pro-av.panasonic.net/

Basic operations of the camera

Manual focusing

Focus ring PUSH AUTO FOCUS switch button

1 Use the FOCUS switch to choose how to control focusing.

A (AUTO):

Auto focus mode

M (MANUAL):

Manual focus mode

Turn the focus ring by hand.

∞:

The camera first focuses on infinity, then it switches to manual focus.

The FOCUS switch automatically moves back to M (MANUAL) after you move it to ∞.

Temporarily switching to auto focus

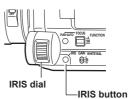
Even if you have switched FOCUS to M (MANUAL) the camera will focus automatically while you press down PUSH AUTO.

- Auto focus may not work properly if there is flickering. Select a shutter speed suited to the ambient light. (Page 14 of Vol.2)
- If the auto focus mode is set with any format except 60i, 60P, 50i and 50p, controlling the focus will take slightly longer than in the normal focus mode.
- Auto focus is not available for some models of lens.
- Auto focus is not available when using the VFR function.
- The focus position display does not move linearly.

Using focus assist

- 1 Assign FA to any of the USER 1 3 buttons in the menu SW MODE screen.
- 2 Press the button assigned FA. The contours of the image is taken in the red outline. Adjust the focus so that the subject to focus is surrounded by the red outline.

Iris adjustments



1 Press the IRIS button to switch how to adjust the aperture of lens.

AUTO IRIS: Adjust the iris automatically.

MANUAL IRIS: Adjust the iris manually.

- 2 Turn the IRIS dial to adjust the aperture of lens when in the manual iris mode.
 - In the auto iris mode, the lens iris can be corrected using this dial.
 - Set the direction of the IRIS DIAL and aperture control in the setup menus, SW MODE screen, IRIS DIAL. (Page 54 of Vol.2)
 - Depending on your lens, AUTO IRIS may not operate.
- Depending on your lens, the CLOSE function may not work during the IRIS operation.
- Depending on your lens, for example if you are using a mount adaptor, the IRIS dial may not operate. Operate the IRIS ring of the lens.
- See the display on the iris meter for the status of the light intensity. For details on the iris meter display, see page 47 of Vol. 2.

Adjusting the gain

When the display is dark, increase the gain to brighten the display.



GAIN switch

1 Switch the gain with the GAIN switch.

L:

Set here under normal conditions. (The default value is ISO400/0 dB)

M

Increase the gain of the image amplifier. (The default value is ISO800/6 dB.)

H:

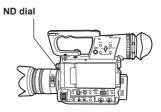
Increase the gain of the image amplifier. (The default value is ISO1600/12 dB.)

 You can change the L, M, and H gain values using the LOW GAIN, MID GAIN and HIGH GAIN on the setting menu SW MODE screen. (Page 54 of Vol.2)

Light intensity adjustments

Use the ND dial to change the ND Filter used (filter to change light intensity).

- 1: ND filter is not used.
- 2: Cuts light intensity by up to about 1/4.
- 3: Cuts light intensity by up to about 1/16.
- 4: Cuts light intensity by up to about 1/64.

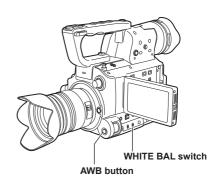


Adjusting the white balance

In order to reproduce the white accurately, adjust the ratio between the three RGB primary colors. If the white balance is not adjusted properly, not only will the white be reproduced poorly but the color tones of the entire screen will also be downgraded. When you are shooting in manual mode, readjust the white balance whenever lighting conditions change.

You can save adjustments and reselect them by setting the WHITE BAL switch to A or B. You can also use the preset values.

Use the settings to suit the shooting conditions.



White balance adjustments

- 1 Set the shutter speed. (Page 14 of Vol.2)
- 2 Place a white pattern in a location with the same lighting conditions and light source as the subject, then zoom in and fill the whole screen with white.

Something white (a white cloth or wall) near the subject can be used instead.

- Do not include bright spotlights in your shot.
- 3 Set the WHITE BAL switch to A or B (whichever one you want to save the adjustment in).

4. Press the AWB button.

Adjustment takes a few seconds.
 (The following messages appear on the screen.)

Message during adjustment

AWB Ach ACTIVE

Message after adjustment

AWB Ach OK

 An error message appears on the screen when white balance adjustment is not possible.

Message when adjustment cannot be done

AWB Ach NG

- White balance cannot be adjusted if the ATW (Auto Tracking White) function is working.
- Make the necessary adjustments if one of the following error messages appears, then try adjusting the white balance again.

Error messages	Adjustments	
LOW LIGHT	Increase light or increase the gain.	
LEVEL OVER	Reduce light or decrease the gain.	

 If the messages repeatedly appear even after trying a number of times, consult your dealer.

Using presets

Use this feature when you have no time to make white balance adjustments.

1 Set the WHITE BAL switch to PRST.

The current white balance value appears.

 White balance values 3200 K and 5600 K are preset in the PRST position.
 Guide to the preset values

P3.2K (3200 K): halogen light P5.6K (5600 K): outdoors

2 Press the AWB button.

The white balance value switches in the following order: 3200K, 5600K, VARIABLE.

- Selecting VARIABLE enables the white balance to be set to an arbitrary value between 2.4 K and 9.9 K by moving the FUNCTION knob up and down.
- The VARIABLE white balance value displayed is not guaranteed to be an absolute value.
 Please use it as a reference value.
- The VARIABLE white balance value can be checked by pressing the AWB button
- The value of VARIABLE cannot be changed when the AREA function of the FUNCTION KNOB is operating and a frame is displayed.

Black balance adjustments

In order to reproduce the black accurately, adjust the zero level of all three RGB primary colors. If the black balance is not adjusted properly, not only will the black be reproduced poorly but the color tones of the entire screen will also be downgraded. It is not normally necessary to adjust the black balance. Adjust it when:

- · You use the camera for the first time.
- You use the camera after not using it for a long time.
- · The ambient temperature changes greatly.
- You change the gain and shutter speed.
- · You switch to the CAM mode from the PB mode.
- · You change the SYSTEM FREQ.

White balance can be adjusted automatically by pressing the AWB button, while black balance can be adjusted by holding the button down. Set the conditions for white balance adjustment before proceeding.

Message during adjustment

ABB ACTIVE

Message after adjustment

ABB END

- Black balance can be adjusted by holding the AWB button down even when the ATW function is in use.
- You cannot adjust the black balance while you are shooting.
- Black balance adjustment takes around 30 seconds when the shutter speed is 1/8 or less.

Auto Tracking White (ATW)

Using the ATW function enables the recording environment to be automatically analyzed and an optimum white balance to be constantly maintained during recording.

You can allocate the ATW feature to one of the positions on the WHITE BAL switch (A, B, or PRST). Allocate it by going to the setup menus, SW MODE screen, ATW. (Page 54 of Vol.2)

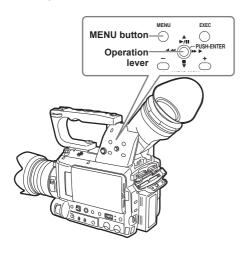
White balance sensor



- Depending on the environment, there may be some error in the adjustment.
- Use the procedure described on the previous page whenever you need more precise white balance
- Do not block the white balance sensor when using the ATW feature. ATW will not work if you do.

Using the setup menus

Use the setup menus to change the settings to suit the scenes you are shooting or what you are recording.



Using the menus

- The menu items indicated in the gray characters cannot be changed its settings.
- When the unit is in other than playback or recording mode, press the MENU button. The following is displayed on the viewfinder and LCD monitor.

CAM mode (Example)

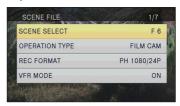


PB mode (Example)



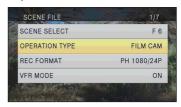
- 2 Tilt the Operation lever in the ▲ ▼ directions to move the yellow cursor to the function you wish to set.
- 3 Push the Operation lever (or tilt in the ► direction) to display the setting items.

Example:



4 Tilt the Operation lever in the ▲ ▼ directions to move the yellow cursor to the item you wish to set.

Example:



5 Push the Operation lever (or tilt in the ► direction) to set the item.

To change values or other parameters, tilt the Operation lever in the $\blacktriangle \blacktriangledown$ directions. Select the item to be set, and then push the OPERATION lever to confirm.

Example:



Tilt the Operation lever in the

direction to return to the previous menu.

6 Repeat steps 4 - 5 to change any other items.

Press the MENU button to complete settings and return to the normal screen.

Tilt the OPERATION lever in the

 direction,
 or push the OPERATION lever to change the
 set value and return to the previous menu (in
 some cases).

7 Repeat steps 2 - 5 to change any other settings.

Press the MENU button to complete settings and return to the normal screen.

Initializing the menu settings

The menu settings contain both the user file settings and the scene file settings. You can initialize them separately.

To initialize the user file (i.e. all the settings other than the scene file settings)

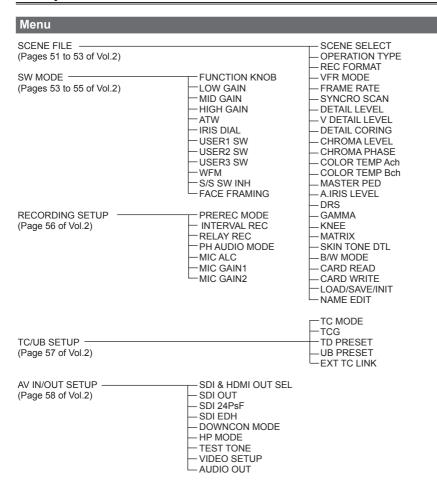
Select INIT in LOAD/SAVE/INIT of the USER FILE screen. The current menu settings of user file will return to the factory settings.

To initialize the scene file

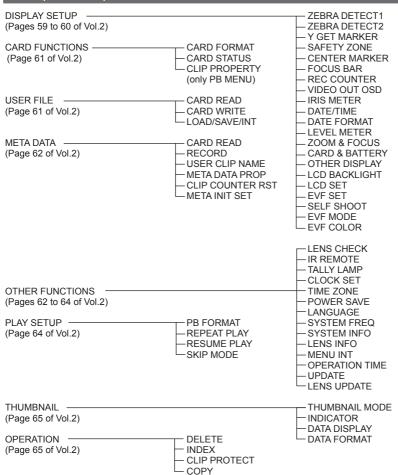
Of the six scene files, select the file you want to initialize from the SCENE SELECT item in the SCENE FILE screen. Then in the SCENE FILE screen, LOAD/SAVE/INIT, select INIT. The settings for only the selected scene file are returned to the factory settings.

If you wish to initialize the user file and scene files at the same time, the user file and all six scene files can be restored to their factory default settings by selecting YES for the MENU INIT item on the OTHER FUNCTIONS screen.

Setup menu structure



Menu (continued)



Specifications

[General]

Supply voltage:DC 7.2 V

(when the battery is used)/

7.3 V

(when the AC adaptor is used)

Power consumption: Recording: 12.4 W

indicates safety information.

Ambient operating temperature

0 °C to 40 °C (32 °F to 104 °F)

Ambient operating humidity

10% to 80% (no condensation)

Weight

Approx. 1.3 kg (2.9 lb)

(Excluding the handle, grip, battery and

accessories)

Dimensions (W x H x D)

163.4 mm × 195 mm × 290.4 mm

(6-7/16 inches × 7-11/16 inches × 11-7/16 inches) (Including the handle and grip)

[Camera]

Pickup devices

4/3 MOS fixed pickup device

Single panel (primary color filter)

Number of pixels

Effective pixels: 12.4 million approx.

Single panel (16:9)

Image size

Valid image range

Approx. 17.8 mm (H) × Approx. 10.0 mm (V)

Lens

Not included

Lens mount

Micro Four Thirds system

Lens mount

ND filter

1/4, 1/16, 1/64

Gain settings

-6 - +18dB (3dB increments)

(VIDEO CAM mode)

ÌSO200 - ISO3200

(FILM CAM mode)

Color temperature settings

ATW, ATW LOCK, preset 3200K, preset 5600K,

preset VAR, Ach, Bch

Shutter speed settings

Preset

when SYSTEM FREQ is 59.94 Hz

60i/60P mode:

1/60, 1/100, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500, 1/1000,

1/2000 seconds

30P mode:

1/30, 1/50, 1/60, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500,

1/1000, 1/2000 seconds

24P mode:

1/24, 1/50, 1/60, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500,

1/1000, 1/2000 seconds

when SYSTEM FREQ is 50 Hz

50i/50P mode:

1/50, 1/60, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500, 1/1000,

1/2000 seconds

25P mode:

1/25, 1/50, 1/60, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500,

1/1000, 1/2000 seconds

* Underline indicates when shutter is OFF

Syncro scan

(when SYSTEM FREQ is 59.94 Hz, and OPERATION TYPE is VIDEO CAM)

60i/60P mode:

1/60.0 seconds - 1/250.6 seconds

30P mode: 1/30.0 seconds - 1/250.6 seconds

24P mode: 1/24.0 seconds - 1/250.6 seconds

(when SYSTEM FREQ is 50 Hz, and

OPERATION TYPE is VIDEO CAM)

50i/50P mode:

1/50.0 seconds - 1/250.0 seconds

25P mode: 1/25.0 seconds to 1/250.0 seconds

(OPERATION TYPE is FILM CAM)

10.0 d – <u>180.0 d</u> – 360.0d

(0.5d increments, angle display)

* Underline indicates default

Slow shutter speed settings

when SYSTEM FREQ is 59.94 Hz

60i/60P mode:

1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/15, 1/30 seconds

30P mode:

1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/15 seconds

24P mode:

1/2, 1/3, 1/6, 1/12 seconds

when SYSTEM FREQ is 50 Hz

50i/50P mode:

1/2, 1/3, 1/6, 1/12, 1/25 seconds

25P mode:

1/2, 1/3, 1/6, 1/12 seconds

* Only when OPERATION TYPE is set to VIDEO CAM

Normal sensitivity VFR recording F8.0 normal When REC FORMAT is 1080 24p/30p: (2000lx, 3200K, 89.9% reflex, 1080-59.94i) 12/15/18/20/21/22/24/25/26/27/28/30/32/34/ Horizontal resolution 36/40/44/48/54/60 frame/sec 800 TV lines (standard) When REC FORMAT is 1080 25p: (in the center of the screen) 12/15/18/20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/30/32/ 34/37/42/45/48/50 frame/sec [Image/recording/playback] **Recording Format** [Image output] AVCHD compliant SDI output Compression formats BNC, 0.8V [p-p], 75 Ω MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 HD HDI Recording media 1080/60i, 1080/24psF, 720/60p SD Memory Card: (when SYSTEM FREQ is 59.94 Hz) Up to 512 MB, 1 GB, 2 GB 1080/50i, 720/50p (FAT12, FAT16 format supported) (when SYSTEM FREQ is 50 Hz) SDHC Memory Card: SD SDI 4 GB, 6 GB, 8 GB, 12 GB, 16 GB, 32 GB 480/60i (FAT32 format supported) (when SYSTEM FREQ is 59.94 Hz) SDXC memory cards: 48 GB, 64GB (exFAT format supported) (when SYSTEM FREQ is 50 Hz) However, above Class4 is supported in PH **HDMI** terminal and HA modes, and above Class6 is supported HDMI (HDMI TypeA terminal) during VFR recording. 1080/60i, 720/60p, 480/60p Recording format (Recording mode, resolution) (when SYSTEM FREQ is 59.94 Hz) (when SYSTEM FREQ is 59.94 Hz) 1080/50i, 720/50p, 576/50p PH 1080/59.94i (when SYSTEM FREQ is 50 Hz) PH 1080/29.97p (VIERA Link not supported) PH 1080/23.98p **VIDEO** terminal PH 720/59.94p Pin jack, 1.0 V[p-p], 75 Ω PH 720/29.97p 480/60i PH 720/23.98p (when SYSTEM FREQ is 59.94 Hz) HA 1080/59.94i HE 1080/59.94i (when SYSTEM FREQ is 50 Hz) (when SYSTEM FREQ is 50 Hz) PH 1080/50i [Audio recording playback] PH 1080/25p Recording format PH 720/50p Dolby Digital/2ch (in HA/HE mode) PH 720/25p Dolby Digital/2ch, linear PCM digital/2ch switch HA 1080/50i (only in PH mode) HE 1080/50i Sampling frequency Transmission rate 48 kHz PH mode: 21 Mbps approx. (VBR) Encodina HA mode: 17 Mbps approx. (VBR) 16 bit HE mode: 6 Mbps approx. (VBR) Compressed bit rate Interval recording **Dolby Digital** Start/1 second/10 seconds/30 seconds PH mode: 384 kbps /1min/2min HA, HE mode: 256 kbps * Recording mode is fixed to PH 1080/24P

(when SYSTEM FREQ is 59.94 Hz), PH 1080/25P(when SYSTEM FREQ is 50 Hz) and the maximum shooting time is 24 hours

Specifications (continued)

[Audio input]

Built-in microphone

Stereo microphone

XLR input

XLR (3 pin) x 2 (INPUT 1, INPUT 2), LINE/MIC selectable, high impedance

LINE: 0 dBu

MIC: -50 dBu/-60 dBu (menu selectable)
MIC POWER + 48 V ON/OFF selectable

[AUDIO output]

AUDIO output

Output: 600Ω , 316 mVPin jack × 2 (CH1, CH2)

SDI

2ch (linear PCM)

HDMI

2ch (linear PCM)/5.1ch (Dolby Digital)

Headphone

3.5mm diameter, stereo mini jack × 1

Speaker

Round, 20mm diameter

[Other terminals]

Camera remote terminal

Super mini jack \times 1 (2.5 mm diameter) (S/S) Mini jack \times 1 (3.5 mm diameter) (FOCUS, IRIS)

INDEX remote terminal

Super mini jack × 1 (2.5mm diameter)

TC PRESET IN/OUT terminal

VIDEO terminal dual purpose IN: 1.0 V - 4.0 V [p-p], $10 \text{ k}\Omega$ OUT: $2.0 \text{ V} \pm 0.5 \text{ V}$ [p-p] Low impedance

USB terminal

Card reader/writer function (no copyright protection support) Type mini B connector (compliant with USB ver. 2.0)

[Monitor]

LCD

3.45 type, wide LCD color monitor (920,000 dots approx.)

Viewfinder wide

0.45 type LCD color monitor (1,220,000 dots equivalent approx.)

[AC adaptor]

Power Source: 110 V - 240 V AC, 50 Hz/60 Hz

22 W

Power Output: 7.3 V DC, 1.75 A

(Camera-recorder) 8.4 V DC, 1.3 A (Charge)

indicates safety information.

Weight

140 g (0.31 lb)

Dimensions (W x H x D)

103 mm × 36 mm × 62 mm

(4-1/16 inches × 1-13/32 inches × 2-7/16 inches)

Memo	

Information on Disposal in other Countries outside the European Union





These symbols are only valid in the European Union. If you wish to discard this product, please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.

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